BEFORE THE BOARD OF SPEECH PATHOLOGY & AUDIOLOGY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

IN THE MATTER OF)	NO. 09-002
JANET GUTHRIE HOFFMAN,)	NOTICE OF HEARING AND STATEMENT OF CHARGES
RESPONDENT.)	

COMES NOW the Iowa Board of Speech Pathology & Audiology (Board) and files this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges pursuant to Iowa Code sections 17A.12(2), 17A.18(3), and 645 Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) 11.6. Respondent was issued Iowa license #00436 on July 1, 1981. Respondent's license is current and will next expire on December 31, 2011. Respondent's address as reported to the Board is 30 Indian Hills Road, Council Bluffs, Iowa, 51503.

A. TIME, PLACE AND NATURE OF HEARING

Hearing. A disciplinary contested case hearing shall be held on **December 3**, **2010**, before the Board of Speech Pathology & Audiology. The hearing shall begin at **11:00 a.m.** and shall be located in the Lucas State Office Building, Fifth Floor Board Conference Room 526, Des Moines, Iowa.

Answer. Within twenty (20) days of the date you are served this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges you are required by 645 IAC 11.12 to file an Answer. The Answer should specifically admit, deny, or otherwise answer all allegations contained in sections C and D of this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges. Pleadings shall be filed with the Board at the following address: Board of Speech Pathology & Audiology, 5th Floor, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa,

50319.

<u>Presiding Officer</u>. The Board shall serve as presiding officer, but the Board may request an Administrative Law Judge make initial rulings on pre-hearing matters, and be present to assist and advise the board at hearing.

Hearing Procedures. The procedural rules governing the conduct of the hearing are found at 641 IAC chapter 11. At hearing, you may appear personally or be represented by legal counsel at your own expense. You will be allowed the opportunity to respond to the charges against you, to produce evidence on your behalf on issues of material fact, cross-examine witnesses present at the hearing, and examine and respond to any documents introduced at hearing. If you need to request an alternative time or date for hearing, you must comply with the requirements of 645 IAC 11.18. The hearing may be open to the public or closed to the public at your discretion.

<u>Pre-hearing Conference</u>. Any party may request a pre-hearing conference to discuss evidentiary issues related to the hearing. The Board's rules regarding pre-hearing conferences are contained at 645 IAC 11.17.

<u>Prosecution</u>. The Office of the Attorney General is responsible for representing the public interest (the State) in this proceeding. Copies of pleadings should be provided to counsel for the State at the following address: Kristin W. Ensign, Assistant Attorney General, Iowa Attorney General's Office, 2nd Floor, Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

<u>Communications</u>. You may not contact board members in any manner, including by phone, letter, or e-mail, about this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges.

Board members may only receive information about the case when all parties have notice and an opportunity to participate, such as at the hearing or in pleadings you file with the Board office and serve upon all parties in the case.

B. LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION

<u>Jurisdiction</u>. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Iowa Code Chapters 147, Chapter 154F, and 272C.

<u>Legal Authority</u>. If any of the allegations against you are founded, the Board has authority to take disciplinary action against you under Iowa Code Chapters 17A, 147, 154F, and 272C and 645 IAC chapter 304.

<u>Default</u>. If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Board may enter a default decision or proceed with the hearing and render a decision in your absence, in accordance with Iowa Code Section 17A.12(3) and 645 IAC 11.21.

C. SECTIONS OF STATUTES AND RULES INVOLVED

Count I

Respondent is charged under Iowa Code §147.55 and 645 IAC 304.2(8) with falsification of client records.

D. FACTUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

- 1. Respondent is a speech pathologist licensed in the State of Iowa.
- Respondent was employed at Glenwood Resource Center in Glenwood,
 lowa as a speech and language pathologist.
- Respondent resigned from Glenwood Resource Center on September 22, 2009.

4. During Respondent's employment at Glenwood Resource Center, she submitted documentation regarding clients that was false and misleading in nature and failed to verify the accuracy of the information reported.

E. SETTLEMENT

This matter may be resolved by settlement agreement. The procedural rules governing the Board's settlement process are found at 645 IAC chapter 12. If you are interested in pursuing settlement of this matter, please contact Kristin W. Ensign, Assistant Attorney General, at 515/281-6547.

F. PROBABLE CAUSE FINDING

On this 26th day of October, 2010, the Iowa Board of Speech Pathology & Audiology found probable cause to file this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges.

This notice of hearing and statement of charges is approved by the board October 26, 2010.